

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~computerized~~ computer-implemented method for transmitting content data over a network of devices, the method configured for execution by at least one computing device, the method comprising:

receiving content data objects from ~~each of~~ a plurality of publishers;

storing the received content data objects in a computer readable storage device;

receiving from a client device ~~indications of~~ data representing a selection of two or more of the content data objects;

receiving ~~indications~~ from the client device data representing of payment terms and conditions for transmission of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects;

receiving ~~indications~~ from the client device of data representing a requested format of one or more of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects;

~~storing received indications in a computer readable storage device;~~

initiating transfer of respective portions of a payment from a payment account associated with the client device to ~~each of the~~ respective publishers of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects;

transforming the one or more ~~of the indicated~~ selected content data objects from respective native formats as provided by the respective publishers to the requested format;

storing the transformed content data objects in a computer readable storage device; and

aggregating at least some of the transformed content data objects.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein said initiating transfer of respective portions of the payment from the payment account associated with the client device to ~~each of the~~ respective publishers is in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the aggregated content data objects.

12 - 35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~coupled in data communication with one or more content provider computers operated by one or more publishers, and coupled to a client device via one or more networks,~~ the computer comprising:

a processor; and

a computer readable storage device configured to store one or more programs;

wherein the computer is configured to execute one or more programs stored on the computer readable medium in order to

~~a first interface to define content data objects;~~

initiate transmission of a second first interface to a client device, the first interface configured to select the receive selections of one or more content data objects associated with respective content publishers;

initiate transmission of a third second interface to the client device, the second interface configured to receive selections of select payment terms and conditions for the transmission of the selected content data objects;

initiate transmission of a third interface to the client device, the third interface configured to receive a requested format of the selected content data objects;

~~a formatting program that when executed by the processor transform[[s]] one or more of the content data objects from respective native formats to [[a]] the requested format;~~

~~an aggregating program that when executed by the processor aggregates the selected content data objects; and~~

~~a billing program that when executed by the processor initiate[[s]] transfer of portions of a payment from a payment account to each of the publishers of the selected content data objects in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the aggregated content data objects.~~

37 - 40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising;

transforming one or more of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects from respective native formats to the requested format according to a type of client device accessing the content data objects that were selected.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein said initiating transfer includes determining the portion of the payment due to the respective publisher depending upon a type of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects that were contributed by the publisher.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein receiving content data objects includes receiving content data objects that comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, or computer program data.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein receiving content data objects includes receiving content data objects that comprise automatically generated content data objects from an embedded computing device.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 36 wherein the computer is further configured to the formatting program transform[[s]] one or more of the selected content data objects from respective native formats to the requested format according to a type of a client device accessing the selected content data objects.

48. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 36 wherein the computer is further configured to the billing program determine[[s]] the portion of the payment[[s]] due to respective publishers of the selected content data objects depending upon the types of the selected content data objects that were contributed by the publishers.

49. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 36 wherein the computer is further configured to initiate transmission of a first interface that is configured to enable selection of content data objects that comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, or computer program data.

50 – 55 (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing software instructions that are readable by a computing system, wherein the software code is executable on

~~the computing system to cause the computing system to perform operations~~ computing device for transmitting content data over a network, the computing device comprising:

- ~~a processor configured to execute one or more programs;~~
- ~~a computer readable storage device configured to store one or more programs;~~
- ~~a first interface for defining~~ receiving ~~content data objects from one or more computing devices;~~
- ~~a second interface for selecting~~ receiving a selection of ~~some of the content data objects;~~
- ~~a third interface for selecting~~ receiving ~~payment terms and conditions;~~
- ~~receiving a requested format of selected content data objects;~~
- ~~a billing program that initiates~~ initiating ~~transfer of portions of a payment from a payment account associated with a client device to one or more publishers of the selected content data objects; and~~
- ~~a format program that transforms~~ transforming ~~one or more of the selected content data objects from respective native formats to [[a]] the requested format; and~~
- ~~an aggregating program that aggregates~~ aggregating ~~the selected content data objects.~~

57. (Currently Amended) The ~~computing device~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 56 wherein the instructions are configured to apportion ~~billing program initiates transfer of the payment to the one or more publishers based on~~ to the publishers in accordance to ~~respective contributed portions of the selected content data objects.~~

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) The ~~computing device~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 56 wherein the instructions are configured to transform ~~the format program transforms the format of~~ one or more of the selected content data objects from the respective native formats to a requested format according to a type of a client device accessing the selected content data objects.

60. (Currently Amended) The ~~computing device~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 56 wherein the instructions are configured to apportion ~~the billing program determines the~~ respective portions of the payment[[s]] due to the publishers of the selected content data

objects ~~depending upon~~ based on the types of the selected content data objects that were contributed by the respective publishers.

61. (Currently Amended) The ~~computing device~~ computer readable storage medium of claim 56 wherein the instructions are configured to enable selection of content data objects that comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, or computer program data.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said initiating transfer includes determining the portion of the payment due to the publishers depending on at least the requested format of the indicated content data object contributed by respective publishers.

63. (Currently Amended) A computing device comprising:

a publication module configured to receive content data objects from a plurality of publishers;

a content selection module configured to receive selections ~~indications~~ of two or more of the content data objects;

a format selection module configured to receive ~~indications of~~ data comprising a requested format for at least one of the content data objects; and

means for transforming one or more of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects from respective native formats as provided by the publishers to the requested format; ~~and~~

~~means for aggregating the transformed content data objects.~~

64. (Currently Amended) The computing device of Claim 63, further comprising means for determining portions of a payment due to the publishers in accordance with respective contributed proportions of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects.

65. (Currently Amended) The computing device of Claim 63, further comprising means for determining portions of a payment due to the publishers depending on the requested format of the ~~indicated~~ selected content data objects provided by respective publishers.

66. (New) The computing device of Claim 63, further comprising:

means for aggregating the transformed content data objects.

67. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 56, further comprising aggregating the selected content data objects.

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68. (New) The computer of Claim 36, wherein the computer is further configured to execute one or more programs stored on the computer readable medium in order to aggregate the selected content data objects.